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"Picturing America is a unique program that provides students with a gateway to the entire universe of the arts," said Congressman Charlie Melancon "By bringing great art into schools and libraries in communities like ours, this program offers Louisianians of all ages the opportunity to learn about our history in a fresh and engaging way."

"America has a remarkable story, filled with riveting chapters and extraordinary heroes. Picturing America brings this story to life through forty compelling images," said NEH Chairman Bruce Cole. "The Endowment is delighted that so many students and citizens across the nation will gain a deeper understanding of America's history and culture through this wonderful education resource."

For 2009, 43 libraries and schools in institutions in Louisiana's Third Congressional District, have been awarded artwork and teaching materials through Picturing America. Awardees receive forty large, high-quality reproductions of great American art and a comprehensive teachers' resource book to assist educators using the works of art in core subjects. Delivery of these materials for schools and libraries announced today, who applied during the second application period ending November 14, 2008, is scheduled for March and April of 2009. Additional education resources are also available through the Picturing America Web site (www.PicturingAmerica.neh.gov).

The following Third District Schools received 2009 Picturing America Awards:

Acadian Elementary School - Houma
Albert Cammon Middle School - Houma

Assumption Parish Library - Napoleonville
Belle Chasse Academy - Belle Chase
Belle Chasse Primary School - Belle Chase
Belle Rose Primary School - Donaldsonville
Berwick Elementary School Library - Berwick
Cecilia High School - Breaux Bridge
Center For Creative Arts - La Place
Central Catholic High School - Morgan City
Chalmette High School library - Chalmette
Chitimacha Tribal School - Jeanerette
Destrehan High School - Destrehan
East St. John High School library - Reserve
Episcopal School of Acadiana - Broussard
Faith Academy - Gonzales
Holy Cross Elementary School - Morgan City
Holy Rosary Catholic School -Larose
Holy Savior Catholic School - Lockport
Hurst Middle School - Destrehan
Iberia Parish Library - New Iberia
Immanuel Christian School - Houma
J. B. Maitland Elementary Library - Morgan City
LaGrange Elementary School Library - Franklin
Lakewood Elementary - Luling
Loreauville Elementary School - Loreauville
Mulberry Elementary School - Houma
Norco Adult Learning Center - Norco
North Lewis Elementary - New Iberia
Ory Magnet School - La Place
Parkview Library - New Iberia
Phoenix High School - Braithwaite
R. J. Vial Elementary - Paradis
St. Bernadette Catholic School - Houma
St. Charles Parish Schools - Destrehan
St. Francis de Sales School Library - Houma
St. Mary Parish Library - Franklin
St. Mary's Nativity Elementary School - Raceland
St. Rose Elementary School - St. Rose
Kiefer Home School - Houma
Lawler Home School - Houma
Nini Home School - Houma
Trahan Home School - New Iberia

About Picturing America

Public, private, parochial, and charter and home school consortia (K-12), as well as public libraries in the US and its territories, were eligible to receive Picturing America materials.

Picturing America comes with a comprehensive package of materials that includes:

- Forty large, high-quality color reproductions of the selected masterpieces (24" x 36")
- A comprehensive teachers resource book providing a wide range of ideas and background information to support educators using the works of art in core subject areas
- Additional resources and lesson plans available through the Picturing America Web site, www.PicturingAmerica.neh.gov

NEH will provide further programming opportunities for Picturing America recipients by offering professional development workshops in summer 2009 hosted by institutions such as museums and historical societies. This grant opportunity is designed to help teachers and librarians form connections with Picturing America artworks and courses in the core curriculum. Interested educators will be able to apply in spring 2009.

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